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FOR VISIT OF US ICE TRANSITING DELEGATION (05.0502) AND
VISIT TO US OF SOVIET RESEARCHER YU. N. ALEKSEYEV

REFS: A) MOSCOW 615; B) MOSCOW 761

1. IN CONNECTION WITH ICE-TRANSITING PROJECT, DEPARTMENT
AND DOT HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IMPLICATIONS OF
ALEKSEYEV'S VISIT TO ARMY COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING LABORTORY (CRREL) TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING
GROUP ACTIVITY ON TESTING OF SHIPS ON ICE. DISCUSSION OF
THIS VISIT WITH CRREL CONFIRMS THAT SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS
MEETING HAS DIRECT APPLICATION IN ICE-BREAKER DESIGN, BUT
AT SAME TIME ALEKSEYEV VISIT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO
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SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF MEETING. THE CRREL MEETING IS IN-
TENDED TO COMPLETE ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF US, CANADA, FRG AND USSR CONCERNING DRAFTING OF
INTERNATIONAL ICE MODEL TESTING STANDARDS, AND US HAS LONG
SOUGHT SOVIET PARTICIPATION.

2. DEPARTMENT AND DOT THEREFORE ARE NOT OBJECTING TO

ALEKSEYEV VISIT. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INITIATIVE IN

FLAGGING POSSIBLE PARALLEL BETWEEN THIS VISIT AND CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR OUR ICE TRANSITING DELEGATION. IF USEFUL, YOU MAY WISH IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF ICE TRANSITING PROJECT TO DRAW SOVIET ATTENTION TO OUR POSITIVE APPROACH ON ALEKSEYEV VISIT.

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